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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Honorable Director of
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2002 with reference to US application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) In a communications network comprising a plurality of network elements, a method of providing management data describing synchronisation trail information for said network elements, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining network element synchronisation data;
obtaining network element connectivity data; and
computing synchronisation trail information for said network elements from said synchronisation data and said connectivity data.